

Letter from Annie M. Sullivan, December 26, 1900, with transcript

COPY. My dear Aunt Polly:—

We went down to Wrentham on the 12.30 train, as we thought we should, and had a very pleasant time. Mrs. Chamberlin received us affectionately, gave us a nice luncheon, and talked about everything except the School.

She was evidently surprised and glad to see us. I was very careful indeed not to refer to anything that might lead to discussion of any sort. I did not even say the conciliatory things I had planned to say. She looks dreadfully, and I felt very sorry for her. She asked me if you had returned and I said, I suppose so, not wishing to tell her I had seen you, for I was sure that would lead to a discussion of Dr. Bell's suggestions, and I did not want to excite her or myself either. I told her that we were going to spend Sunday with you, so please do not refer to our Sunday evening call. You can't imagine how happy we feel tonight, Helen, Mrs. Hopkins and myself. A great load is lifted from my heart, for whatever Mrs. C. may feel inside, it is evident she is not going to banish us out of her life, which I think would have been the saddest thing that could happen for all concerned.

Well dear little Aunt Polly I guess the worst of the tempest is passed and we shall get to shore safely. What say you?

Hastily and lovingly, Your own A. M. S. Cambridge, Dec. 26, 1900.